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Re: New United States Patent Application
 Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING
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 OVER A CONNECTION-BASED DATA COMMUNI-
 CATION NETWORK**
 Inventor(s): MACKIEWICH, Blair
 Assignee: Alcatel Canada Inc.

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1. Patent application, including specification, claims and abstract (27 pages);
2. Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney document (attached as the last pages to the patent application);
3. Drawings (4 pages);
4. Nonpublication Request; and,
5. Transmittal sheet executed by Gavin N. Manning.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): MACKIEWICH, Blair T. et al.
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS OVER A CONNECTION-BASED DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 15 pages of specification, 11 pages of claims, abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 4 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ Nonpublication Request Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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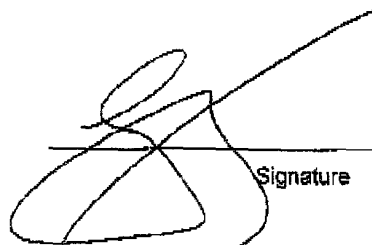
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